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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. We, Gayle Dace and William Klimmerly, are the co-inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in the subject above-captioned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/879,279.
2. We have had the opportunity to review the Official Action mailed April 7, 2005 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-referenced U.S. patent application.
3. We have also reviewed the following document cited by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the Official Action mailed on July 13, 2004: